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SUBJ: CYPRUS: SYG REPORTS TO NAC ON JULY 24 ACTIONS

SUMMARY: SYG LUNS CALLED BRIEF NAC ON MORNING OF JULY 25 TO REPORT ON MESSAGE HE HAD SENT PREVIOUS NIGHT APPEALING TO TURKEY NOT TO ATTEMPT MILITARY TAKEOVER OF NICOSIA AIRPORT. SYG ALSO WELCOMED FORMATION OF NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT AND REPORTED ON HIS JULY 24 PRESS CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY

1. LUNS OPENED JULY 25 NAC BY EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WHICH HE WAS SURE COUNCIL SHARED ABOUT FORMATION OF NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT, WHICH INCLUDED HIGHLY ESTEEMED AND INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN POLITICAL SECRET

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FIGURES. HE SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE A PROSPECT THAT GREECE WOULD SOON RETURN TO DEMOCRACY,

2. GREEK PERMREP CHORAFAS APPRECIATED THESE KIND WORDS, WHICH

HE PROMISED TO TRANSMIT TO ATHENS, AND SAID THAT HE JOINED THOSE WHO WERE "JOYOUS AND SATISFIED" ABOUT THE CHANGE IN THE REGIME.

3. SYG THEN REVIEWED EVENTS OF LAST 48 HOURS, STARTING WITH RECALL OF KARAMANLIS. DURING LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING OF JULY 23, THERE HAD BEEN DISTURBING NEWS ABOUT TURKISH MILITARY ACTIVITY. HE HAD SENT AN ORAL MESSAGE TO ANKARA THROUGH TURKISH CHARGE TULUMEN. WITHIN TWO HOURS, HE RECEIVED A REASSURING REPLY THAT TURKISH MILITARY UNITS ON CYPRUS HAD ORDERS TO CEASE ALL MILITARY OPERATIONS.

4. FROM REPORTS HE HAD RECEIVED IN MORNING OF JULY 24, INCLUDING THOSE RECEIVED THROUGH GREEK PERMREP, IT APPEARED THAT FIGHTING HAD DIED DOWN. LATER IN DAY, HOWEVER, HE HAD RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INFORMATION -- WHICH HE COULD NOT FULLY VOUCH FOR OR SUBSTANTIATE -- THAT THERE WAS A TENSE SITUATION AROUND NICOSIA AIRPORT. THE UN AND CANADA WERE AMONG THOSE WHO APPROACHED HIM ABOUT THIS SITUATION, AND BOTH HAD DIRECT INTERESTS INVOLVED. AS A RESULT, HE HAD ONCE AGAIN CONTACTED TURKISH CHARGE, FIRST ORALLY AND THEN WITH WRITTEN MESSAGE FOR ANKARA.

5. SYG THEN READ HIS MESSAGE TO ANKARA, WHICH FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY BRITISH AND CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES THAT THEY UNDERSTAND TURKISH TROOPS INTEND TO TAKE OVER NICOSIA AIRPORT WHICH UNITED NATIONS PEACE KEEPING FORCES OCCUPIED YESTERDAY AFTER ARRANGING A CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES IN CYPRUS.

THE U.N. FORCE IS UNDER THE COMMAND OF AN INDIAN OFFICER WITH BRITISH, CANADIAN AND FINNISH TROOPS. I UNDERSTAND THEY CONSIDER IT NECESSARY AS A PART OF THEIR PEACE KEEPING ROLE TO CONTINUE TO OCCUPY THE AIRPORT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO RESIST ANY ATTACK UPON IT.

I MUST LEAVE YOU IN NO DOUBT THAT AN ATTACK BY TURKISH FORCES ON FORCES OF OTHER ALLIES ENGAGED IN A PEACE KEEPING MISSION ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD HAVE A MOST DAMAGING
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EFFECT ON OPINION IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE AND ON THE PROSPECTS FOR A SOLUTION OF THE CRISIS IN CYPRUS. I APPEAL TO YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT NOTHING OF THIS KIND OCCURS AND TO INSTRUCT YOUR FORCES IN CYPRUS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE U.N. FORCES IN ENSURING THAT THE CEASE-FIRE IS OBSERVED.
END TEXT

6. HE HAD RECEIVED PROMPT REPLY, TO EFFECT THAT PRIMIN ECEVIT HAD GIVEN STRICT ORDERS TO TURKISH MILITARY NOT TO ENGAGE UN FORCE AT AIRPORT; THAT SAME INFORMATION HAD ALREADY BEEN COVEYED TO UN SYG; AND THAT UP TO THAT HOUR THERE HAD BEEN NO INCIDENT WITH THE UN FORCE.

7. GREEK PERMREP AGAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO SYG FOR HIS ACTIONS.

8. SYG THEN REPORTED TO NAC ON HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON AFTERNOON OF JULY 24. IN ADDITION TO POINTS COVERED IN USNATO 4068, SYG REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED WHETHER GREECE AND TURKEY HAD CARRIED OUT NEGOTIATIONS IN NATO. HIS REPLY WAS THAT THEY DID NOT NEGOTIATE HERE, BUT THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE KNOWN TO EACH OTHER THEIR RESPECTIVE POINTS OF VIEW THROUGH COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

9. FRENCH CHARGE SAID HE COMPLETELY SUPPORTED REMARKS BY SYG DURING PRESS CONFERENCE. RUMSFELD

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